Munitions Blast Spreads Terror Through Northern Jersey

Block Commuters on Boonton Branch

TRAINS SHIFTED

New Jersey Residents

For more than two miles the tracks the Beenton-Northern division of Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad were torn up by the Kingsand explosion. Twisted rails and splintered ties littered the gap which barred

and through trains from Washington. with miles of freight trains and at ared and diverted trains along hunles of track so that New

twenty-four hours late in reaching

travelled nearly eighty miles a destination hardly a quar-

e capital with the same crew that cought it out. The passengers leaving

Se at Denville the hungry passengers from New York met the fretful ones who had been waiting on a siding, while clerks, stenographers and others whose daily bread depends upon their promptness had been cared for by the impromptu commuter service. Fifteen of the fretful ones were smothering their wrath in victuals at the time. They wowed that they would not desert the diner until the last demi tasse had been quarfled, and the hungry persons from New York could wait. The passengers from New York professed and reminded conductors, training and reminded conductors, training the full board at its meeting to-

D., L. & W. TORNUP

FOR TWO MILES

order of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company laying off nearly 900 employes and making it possible for the railroad to take one train from the Boonton-Northern Division. Most of the employes, they said, lived in New York and many of them would have been added to the crowd.

The fast train from Elmira, due in New York at 4:30 p. m., did not get in until 9:05.

The Erie was more fortunate, both as

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FEW IN NEW YORK AWARE OF BLAST IN JERSEY PLANT

Some Gazed Idly at Smoke and

and saw the great cloud of smoke that away to the south, clear across the windows. But these only said idly that

WILL ASK FOR NEW ONES

Board of Estimate Will Seek Better

to damage and as to methods of taking care of its commuters. Its tracks are about a mile from the scene of the explosion, and by using the Susquehanna tracks it could get its trains to Hackensack, where they could be switched to the Frie again.

franchise committee of the

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The passengers from New York protested and reminded conductors, trainmet, porters, switchmen, everybody
who happened slong in a uniform, of
the promises that had been made contening the diner that was waiting at
beville.

The puzzled railroad men finally injetted their predicament into the flood
of wireless messages that rode the
sight, and in the midst of that deluge
of complex orders their query was
sucht and answered.

Railroad officials decided without
hesitation that passengers who were
taking could not be interrupted, but
as soon as the fretful fifteen had filled
themselves they must give up the car
to the others. The fifteen progressed
thismphantly from cherry stones to
coffee grounds and made their escape
while the trainmen were uncoupling
that car.

Although it seemed that not another
person could have edged his way into
the Hoboken terminal, railroad officials
for a franchise comment to
the full board at its meeting to-day
the rejection of the bids of the Fifth
Avenue Coach Company and the New
York Motor 'Bus Company, Inc., for a
franchise for new motor bus routes.

Mayor Mitchel said yesterday that
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the recommendation would be made on
the strength of the report of Duncan
MacInnes, chief accountant of the Department of Finance, that the financial terms
of both the applicants are
not be suggested and the two companies invited to state whether they
would accept them. Modifications in
the proposed routes will also be suggested.

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Jersey Blast Demolishes Shell Plant; Rakes Town

factory were questions to which a dozen answers—all different—were given. Not one of the officers of the

were equally reticent.

The C. C. and F. Company's plant was being destroyed, that was all any one knew about it. And it was being destroyed thoroughly, and to the accompaniment of a racket which Verdun slove might have equalled.

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One Thomas Reed, an employe of the company, told the most coherent version of how the fire started. He had been employed, he said, in the cleaning room, where the brass cases of shell cartridges are sponged in and out with alcohol before they are

Spark from Ceiling "A spark came down from the ceil-ing," he said, "and then there was a big flare of flame and I ran like the

ment this was jammed by workers, mostly Italians and negroes, who fought desperately to get away. Guards were forced at last to drive back the mob with pistols and rifles.

They broke and scattered. Many of them ran to the rear of the plant, which is separated from the swampy meadows by a high barbed-wire fence. They went through this like a drove of cattle. Frantic with terror, they paid no attention to the wire, which cut some of them cruelly, but went ploughing, the whole terror-struck crowd, through the mud and thin ice of the marsh Many of them who reached solid ground and safety were plastered with slime from head to heel. Many more were soaked with icy water.

Then came the first great roar. It is said that a building in which the loaded shells were stored was the first to the factory yard, to Kingsland and the adjoining village of Lyndhurst. After the first detonation came the steady roll of bursting shrapnel and high explosive shells. In a minute the little Jersey towns were transformed to villages upon the European battle fronts. Shells that had been intended for the armies of the Czar burst in terrific to steal from the homes of ref-fire to steal from the homes.

women Run Gantlet

To the west of the iron sleet toward safety met.

A crowd of several thousand persons the night, watching the fire ebb and quicken and listening to the crashing of shells.

To the west of the factory rises

Of shells.

a few walked crim and unafraid.

To the west of the factory rises Guinea Hill, so called because more than a thousand Italians inhabit the 150 houses on its slope. Immediately after the first explosion shells began to fall like rain upon them. Most of the inmates ran, helter-skelter, caring for nothing. One old woman could not run. She was Mrs. Maria Frederici, ill in her bed with typhoid.

Through the terrified swarm of Latins who ran down from Guinea Hill came Father Thomas J. McDermott, rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart and pastor to most of this panic-stricken crew. He came walking calmly up the hill as they rushed down. He had remembered Mrs. Frederici, had telephoned for an ambulance to come and take her away, and was going to sit with her in the bombarded house until it arrived.

Priest Aids Aged Patient

He did sit beside the stricken woman, while a house to the right and a house to the left were ignited by shell fire, while the roll of explosions quickened of shells. Our ing the night a detachment of police, deputy sheriffs and civilians searched the marshes as well as they were able in the hope of finding some of the men missing. It was rumored that a number who fled from the burning plant were still in the swamp. This was discounted by Chief McIntyre, who said that he believed those who sought to escape in this way were all brought agroup of mourners were gathered about a grave into which a coffin was about to be lowered when the explosion occurred. The coffin was hastily replaced in the hearse and the entire cortege fled at a gallop.

Late last night two more refugees were brought in to Police Headquarters at Rutherford. They had been found in Kingsland, while shells burst about them. One of them is a brown hen and the other a large Plymouth Rock rooster. The police are caring for them.

in Frenzy; Calmed by Cake

Snake Hill Asylum Inmates

Mr. Meehan rushed to Snake Hill with two automobiles loaded with ice cream and cake. The prisoners were gathered and the food was distributed among them while Freeholder Meehan addressed them.

Hill also suffered greatly from Jersey Officials Ask

Stricter Munition

Jersey City officials last ni clared that the Kingsland can

War Is Over, He Says

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"Don't be slarmed," he told them.
"The war is over. The Germans have
a little the best of it and they are
celebrating. That's what you hear.
They are having a few fireworks."

As Mr. Meehan talked, the crowd, 440
of whom are women, calmed down.
Within half an hour after his arrival,
believing everything he told them, they
were ready to go quietly to bed.

At the County Penitentiary, also at
Snake Hill, the 219 prisoners had just
come in from their outside work when
the explosion occurred. The building
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From the roof of the prison Warden Kelly declared that with a field glass projectiles could be seen dropping into the Passaic River. He described the area to which the explosion set fire as resembling a gigantic display of fireworks. As hundreds of shells explosion set fire as resembling a gigantic display of fireworks. As hundreds of shells explosion set for as resembling a gigantic display of fireworks. As hundreds of shells explosion when you see the people runpled to the cattled the occurrence "teritying."

"It seems to me," he said, "in view of the terrible lesson taught by the delay the terrible lesson taught by the dealing should have been done to prevent a repetition of that horror."

George F. Brensinger, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, reviewed the recent efforts of the city to lessen the danger brought to the city by the constant shipments of munitions from the neighborhood.

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Jersey City officials last night declared that the Kingsland catastrophe might have been prevented if proper legislation had been enacted following the recent Black Tom explosion. While Jersey City suffered only little, its greatest loss being in broken windows in the Hudson City district, yesterday's explosion proved that the menace of munition plants still threatened its munition plants still threatened its citizens.

Messages Content & Co. He is a cousin of the ready at a moment's notice to an her at a bridge party next Tuesday at the St. Regis. The wedding will take police work in an emergency.

As the message from Newark had said that telephone and telegraph wires were down. Commissioner Woods hoped were down. Commissioner Woods hoped were down. Commissioner Woods hoped that the wireless operator would be that his wireless operator would be that his wireless operator would be the wedding has been set.

MAP OF SHELL RAKED DISTRICT



terday's disaster. | least fiv Casualty lists, necessarily incom- injured.

cities more than 100 miles away.

Manhattan was rocked as if by an earthquake. Skyscrapers were swayed and acres of plate-glass windows fell in

in origin, have occurred in plants of powder and chemical companies.

New Jersey has been scarred and shaken from end to end. Twenty-eight of the explosions were within the state's boundaries, not including yestate's disaster.

If ell on Governor's Island, white some state was covered with a fine, white powder. On and near Black Tom fifteen warehouses and scores of freight cars that barges were destroyed. At least five persons were killed and 116 least five persons were killed and

\$85,000,000 Shell Contract Boomed Canadian Car Co.

The Canadian Car and Foundry Com- ives were loaded began to spring like mushrooms. During April The Canadian Car and Foundry Company has been for the last year practically an ammunition factory of the Russian Government. It was an \$85,000,000 contract obtained from Russian Government, the stimulated of the contractors of the state of the contractors of the contract and looters braved the shell obs,000 contract obtained the steal from the homes of refThirtieen of these were arrestin the evening. Toward midwhen the fire had slackened Sheriff John W. Courter ormarked its existence in the last eighhigh explosive and 4,000,000 shrapnel

Russia not only awarded the contract to the firm, but in January, 1915, when it was found that the company more than third building it were had not the working capital to carry on them of the isolated, one story its shell manufacture, lent it \$10,000 der house" variety. There were

Police in Caring for the Blast Victims

Terrified by the explosion of the Canadian Car and Foundry plant, at Kingsland, two miles and a half away, 900 inmates of the insane hospital on Snake Hill were thrown into a panic which Superintendent George W. King could not quiet. He telephoned there they go. We are all a little which Superintendent George W. King could not quiet. He telephoned for the explosions now? Listen, shade which superintendent in charge of the asylum, who is well liked by the patients, and asked his aid.

Mr. Meehan rushed to Snake Hill

Decear Officials Act.

Police Commissioner Woods, notified of the Kingsland explosion by the New-dark police, put into effect at once a part of the preparedness plan which was formulated to provide against distonant to save a part of the preparedness plan which like that from an immense skyrocket.

"I don't want to see any more fire works as long as I live," he declared last night over the telephone, "Can't you hear the explosions now? Listen, shade was formulated to provide against distonant to stand the same time he is said to have was formulated to provide against distonant to have york. As the New York as the New York as the New York as the same time he is don't want to see any more fire the side of France and Russia. At the same time he is don't want to have a part of the preparedness plan which last night over the telephone, "Can't you hear the explosions now? Listen, shade and the provide against distonant to stand the part of the preparedness plan which was formulated to provide against distonant to stand the same time he is don't want to see any more fire are police, put into effect at once a part of the preparedness plan which last police. Part of the preparedness plan which was formulated to provide against distonant the same time he is don't have ark police, put into effect at once a part of the preparedness plan which last police. Part of the preparedness plan which was formulated to provide against distonant the same time he is don't have part of the preparedness plan which last police

Mayor Mark M. Fagan, who sent a corps of doctors and nurses to the scene of the explosion on hearing of the accident, called the ocurrence "ter-rifying."

POLICE WIRELESS AND 700 NURSES

Woods Eager to Help Newark

Stricter Munition Laws other police surgeons who happened to Jersey City officials last night de- be at Headquarters, were directed to

Yells of Run! Run! Fire! Warn Workers of Blast

Terrified Negroes Tell Kingsland Hospital Munitions Plant Is on Fire and Blowing Up-Fleeing Nurse's Glasses Blown Off

"Firet" Firet" Firet"
Two terrified negro workmen, screaming themselves past the emergency hospital building at the plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company at Kingsland, N. J., gave the first note of warning to Casper J. W. Krack, of 512 East 165th Street.

Three feet the low wooden sheds in which the actual work is done. And we knew, too, that stored in the five magazines in the southern end of the plant was enough powder to blow most of Jersey to kingdom come.

"You never saw such a panic. After I began to run down the hill, the fire

themselves past the emergency hospital building at the plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company at Kingsland. N. J., gave the first note of warning to Casper J. W. Krack, of 512 East 185th Street.

Krack is a surgical nurse, having charge of the hospital when the consulting physician, Dr. John W. Clarke, of Lyndhurst, N. J., is not there, as was the case yesterday. Six patients were in the hospital at the time. Their injuries were minor ones.

Krack's desk is near a window which commands a view of the whole 250 acres

Krack's desk is near a window which commands a view of the whole 250 acres of the munition works. He sprang to his feet. He took one hurried glance out of the window. A black column of smoke was curling from the buildings. Krack made a wild leap for his hat and coat.

"Run! run!" he yelled to his assistant, a boy of fourteen, and to the parant, a boy of fourteen, and to the parant with my brother Arthur, who

"Run! run!" he yelled to his have to be told tients. They did not have to be told twice. Two bounds carried Krack to the stairs that lead over a hill, down alley Brook Avenue, through Kings-and, Lyndhurst and finally to Ruther and the other towns near there that

the had been running almost two miles. He had just breath enough left to gasp:
"Munition factory down the road is burning. Enough high explosive there to blow this town off the map. Beat it

Last night at his home he graphically told the story.

"It was at 4:15 o'clock that I heard the negroes shouting. That hill is 250 feet high, but it did not take me a minute to bound up the steps. About thirty-five men were rushing out with me at the time. I was close to the exit — there are only two, the roadway for teams which leds into Valley Brook Avonue and the steps over the hill by which the same road can be reached so I was one of the first ones out.

"When I saw that fire, I, and every other man working in the place, knew other man working in the place, knew of the man working in the place, knew other man working in the place, knew of the first plants of the shells—may have, he believes, started the flame.

The Russian government, Krack said had intended within a month to take over the factory and run it for two over the fac

"When I saw that hre, I, and every other man working in the place, knew the danger. There were 400,000 high explosive shells, packed and ready for shipment to the Russian government, in the forward part of the works. The cases were piled to a height of fifteen feet or more, overtonning by two are cased their faces while working with cast or more, overtonning by two are feet or more, overtopping by two or explosives.

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and strengthened, until the ambulance arrived. Then he helped carry Mrs Frederici downstairs and rode on the ambulance through the shower of hol

steel to safety.

The girl at the switchboard whe "plugged in" Father McDermott's call Canadian Car and Foundry Company would make a statement, and the guards of the factory, who aided the police in keeping back the curious as well as those who believed that they still had relatives somewhere within that shell-stormed forbidden ground, keeping the terrified town in touch with the outer world until the wires were blasted away. Then she fainted, with her job well done, and was car-ried away to safety by Fred Walters, of East Rutherford.

Police Brave Shell Fire Chief of Police Michael McIntyre of Lyndhurst, with his force of seven men, is responsible for the clearing

heart of the fire, sending up great showers of sparks. Others still came hurtling out of the flames and ex-ploded in tree tops, in the road, on

what would happen if fire caught hold of any of a dozen isolated buildings.

Many Fight to Escape

They started to get out. The entrance to the building was by a narrow gate, guarded by 12-foot walls. In a moment this was jammed by workers, mostly Italians and negroes, who fought desperately to get away. Guards were desperately to get away. Guards were

lit sky could also be seen from the top of the hill there.

So severely were Westchester and Rockland counties jarred by the munitions explosion that Sing Sing prison's old structures were shaken. Glass in the outbuildings on Mrs. Thomas Fortune Ryan's country place in Suffern was broken.

Women Run Gantlet

HELD READY HERE

Police Commissioner Woods, notified

magazines, each with room enough for a carload of "TNT." This was stored in the car in which it came and only taken from it as needed. Three magazine houses held the black powder.

The magazines were about sixty feet returned to New York on June 27 with the order on which the Car and Foundry Company has been working ever since.

Even before his return the firm had quickened into tremendous activity On its property at Kingsland, N. J., a mile and a half from Rutherford, the one story buildings in which explos-

BENCKENDORFF. RUSSIA'S ENVOY TO BRITAIN, DIES Played Important Part in War Negotiations London, Jan. 11 .- Count Alexandre

Constantinovitch Benckendorff, Russian Ambassador to Great Britain, died to-Ambassador to Great Britain, died to-day. He was sixty-seven years old.
Count Benckendorff at London car-ried on for Russia the momentous ne-gotiations of July, 1914, when Great Britain's decision regarding the im-pending war was still in doubt. He is generally credited with having had great influence in winning Britain over to the side of France and Russia. At the same time he is said to have

there was no necessity to mobilize the patrolmen or notify the members of the Home Defence League.

Dr. Edward T. Higgins, chief surgeon of the department, and half a dozen other police surgeons who happened to be at Headquarters, were directed to remain there on reserve. Messages were sent to more than 700 nurses to were sent to more than 700 nurses to Mrs. P. Philip MacGuire, will entertain

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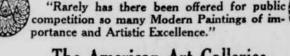
Krack did not stop running until he reached Rutherford. He looked back only a few times, once when the force of the first explosion—he was a quarter of a mile from the plant by that time-jarred him so that his glasses were knocked off and broken.

An automobilist was the first person he saw when he reached Rutherford. He had been running almost two miles. He had been running almost two miles.

for Newark!"

He climbed into the automobile. The car spend on. Newark reached, Krack did not delay. He caught a train to New York. He reached his home in 1 hour and 10 minutes, he said. The trip usually requires two hours.

Last night at his home he graphically told the story.



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